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COORDINATE SYSTEM ORIGIN SETTING PROGRAM AND WORKPIECE COORDINATE SYSTEM ORIGIN SETTING DEVICE OF A SURFACE PROPERTY

MEASURING MACHINE.

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- 2. Relevance of the non-English language references 1-2 are discussed in the present specification.
- 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-2 are attached hereto.
- 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1-2.

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